



# CENTRAL OHIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION



Box 1561, Dublin, OH 43017

## June 2015

**When:** 7 p.m., June 17  
**Where:** Oakstone Academy  
900 Club Dr., Westerville  
**Speaker:** Richard Keck,  
**Topic:** Precious Metals Dealer Act

## June presentation

Richard Keck, the former chief examiner for consumer finance for the State of Ohio, will explain how the Ohio Precious Metals Dealer Act relates to the business of numismatics. Rich will describe the circumstances under which coin dealers may need to be licensed under state law and will discuss the implications of the recent Ohio Supreme Court decision involving the act.

He also will include information about recent efforts in some municipalities to regulate bulk sales of copper and aluminum in attempts to curb thefts of those materials from abandoned homes and construction sites since many of those efforts are billed as regulating “precious metals dealers.” Rich has promised to stay and answer questions about state and local licensing of pawnbrokers and precious metals dealers since many of those businesses do, to some degree, engage in coin collecting and dealing.

## Summer picnic

**When:** Noon, Aug. 9  
(Lunch at 1 p.m.)  
**Location:** Northam Park (same as last year)

## Exhibiting

If you’re planning to exhibit at our Labor Day show, contact Bill K at 614-436-9771 or [nfld73h@gmail.com](mailto:nfld73h@gmail.com). I’ll need to know how many cases you need and the name or theme of your exhibit. Exhibiting is your chance to show the public what you’ve spent years assembling and what you’re proud of and it’s fun. - **Bill K**

## May presentation



Beth Deisher, former *Coin World* editor, said she wrote *Cash In Your Coins — Selling the Rare Coins*, now in its second edition, after fielding numerous calls from the widows of collectors, who didn’t know what they had or where to begin.

“Rarely does someone in the family share that interest,” she said.

Collectors should maintain an inventory, ideally saying where the piece was bought, its cost and current value.

Collectors should also include their coins in their will, leave instructions for the disposal of the coins and factor taxes (for big collections) into the equation.

She said she added 12 pages on taxes to the second edition of her book dealing with taxes.

Central States reimbursed us \$200 of the \$300 we gave Fred Schwan and Beth for travel expenses.

## Grading seminar

CONA hosted its third annual grading seminars at Oakstone Academy on June 6. The focus of the two two-hour sessions was on grading problem coins. The seminars were led by Steve Roach (Coin World editor at large), Tony Cass (former ANACS grader) and John Roberts (ANACS grader).

The sessions were well attended, with the morning session attendance at 17 and the afternoon session

attendance at 11. A total of 20 coins were presented for grading, ranging from ancient to modern coins and with a variety of problems.

A special thanks to Steve, Tony and John for sharing their knowledge with the group. Attendees were treated to many interesting coins, including one that appeared to have problems but was actually a high grade coin with die polish lines. A fun time was had by all. - Steve Petty

## Book donations

Several years ago we donated copies of Wendell Wolka's massive book on Ohio obsolete currency to several area museums and historical societies.

The Newark Library and Licking County Historical Society are interested in receiving copies.

Wendell still has several left and will sell them to us at \$50 each. I'm looking for 10 more organizations that would like to receive a free copy of the book. If you belong to a group or know of one that could make use of this great research tool, please let me know.

Twelve books would cost us \$600. Central States will reimburse us \$500 of that amount.

## Club auction

Send July lots to Steve B - sbarnet5@columbus.rr.com - by July 7.

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## Coin Collector's Corner

# Cent May Be Doomed

By Gary L. Palmer  
Copley News Service

This is the year, ostensibly, that Congress is going to give some heavy thought to the future of the nation's coinage.

There are suggestions to do away with the cent, add a two-cent piece, do away with the half-dollar, make the dollar coin smaller. (Most people will surely remark that the dollar is getting smaller even without new dies.)

There are others who are sick and tired of looking at the same old presidents and wish the United States would relent on its nearly 88-year-old design limit law which requires the use of the same design for at least 25 years.

Some exceptions have been

made for that law, but it took the death of presidents to do it.

At any rate, the Roosevelt dime has been around 31 years now, the Jefferson nickel 40 years, the Washington quarter 46 years and poor old Abe Lincoln has been with us 60 years on the cent.

As the United States' longest running coin design, the Lincoln cent holds the distinction of being the world's most common coin.

And Victor D. Brenner's famed portrait of Lincoln reigns as the world's most reproduced piece of art. Why, since 1971 alone, more than 40 billion Lincoln cents with the V.D.B. portrait have been produced — and countless

billions more dating back to 1910, the first year of issue.

And it is this lowly cent, held in so much esteem all these years, that is in jeopardy of being out of a job.

The reason: Inflation.

Why must people won't even stoop to pick up a penny on the ground anymore. That's how useless it is considered to be.

But it is probably the psychological impact of a centless society that will have to be given careful consideration.

Store owners alone might go bananas without that small, virtually worthless, yet so vital piece of change in their till.

But I think I have the

answer — and it could kill two birds with one stone.

How about a return in that nostalgic old steel cent of World War II vintage? And what a morale lifter that could be for our beleaguered steel industry, under heavy assault from foreign imports.

Those zinc-coated "steelies," the home front contribution to the war effort, are held in much higher esteem these days than their copper brothers.

Though but a one-year coin, more than a billion were struck in 1943 at all three U.S. mints and today, when found in nice condition, they bring a pretty penny — if you'll excuse the expression.

Most of them were made at Philadelphia and they list at

only 70 cents in the 1978 "Red Book," but a San Francisco-struck steelie will bring \$1.70 in uncirculated condition.

The copper was badly needed for the war and it has been estimated the switch to steel cents saved enough copper to meet the needs of two destroyers, two cruisers, 1,243 Flying Fortresses, 120 field guns and 120 howitzers.

So once again we could be coming to the aid of our country in its time of need and with a shift to steel cents save an industry that is badly in need of help.

And maybe we could give poor old Mr. Lincoln a rest at the same time. He's earned it after 60 these 60 years of constant circulation.

# Walk for Crohn's and Colitis to be held in Dublin

By JENNIFER NOBLIT

Mark Petty spent a lot of time in Coffman Park playing and skateboarding.

Petty will be on the mind of many June 20 when the Walk for Crohn's and Colitis comes to Coffman Park for the first time.

The June 20 event is the biggest fundraiser for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, putting money towards research, education and patient services for the disease that killed Mark at age 21.

Mark wasn't diagnosed with Crohn's Disease until his senior year at Coffman High School.

"I just thought he was my picky eater," said Mary Ann Petty, Mark's mother.

The disease that causes chronic inflammation of the gastrointestinal tract didn't slow Mark down, however, even after he graduated from Dublin Coffman High School in 2008 and went to the University of Cincinnati.

"When he had a flare up he would drink a lot of Gatorade and sit in the shower with the water on," Petty said.

"When he was at school he would finish class for the day, get his homework and go to the hospital for the night.

"He would be back in class the next morning."

Mark, who was majoring in civil engineering, even scored a summer internship in New York City.

"His brother was going to visit," Mary Ann said.

"They were going to do Manhattan."

But, Mark had a flare up and decided to wait until his brother, Matt, arrived to go to the hospital.

He sat in the shower to deal with the symptoms as usual and by the time Matt arrived, Mark was dead.

"It's so important for me to get exposure for this," Petty said, adding that she's talked to several people with Crohn's who deal with symptoms the same way.

"If he had heard of someone dying from doing the same thing, he would have gone to the hospital."

The New York City coroner listed Mark's cause of death as complications of Crohn's Disease.

"She said he was a healthy kid with an extreme case of Crohn's," Mary Ann said.

To raise awareness and funds for research into the disease that killed her youngest, Mary Ann got involved with Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis.

"He was a very active kid," she said, adding that Mark played soccer, baseball and hockey.

"He never sat still. He was very jovial. He loved math. His dad is an engineer and he wanted to be an engineer."

The walk, that last year drew about 3,000, is moving from Franklin Park Conservatory to Coffman Park which is something of a homecoming for Mary Ann and her team, He Made His Mark.

"I'm so excited to be back home," she said.

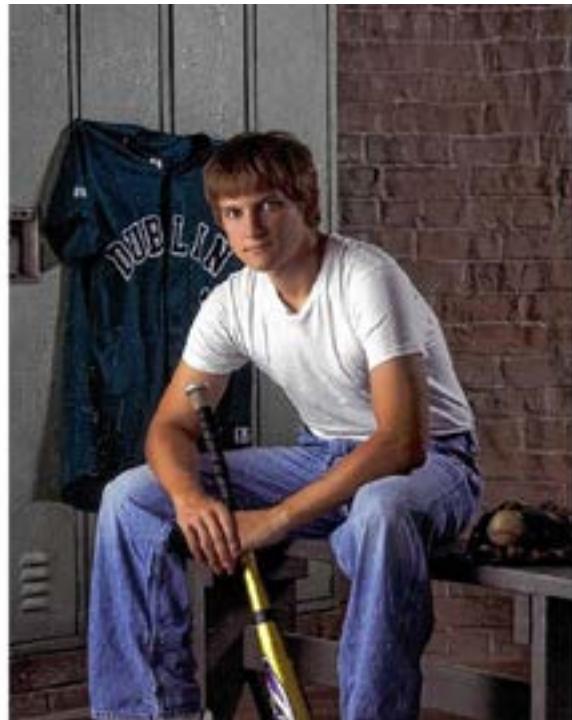
Take Steps for Crohn's is set to start at 4:30 p.m. June 20 in Coffman Park, with the walk set for 6 p.m.

The family-friendly event will have information about Crohn's and Colitis, vendors, food and a lot of children's activities, Mary Ann said.

The fundraising goal for the walk is \$253,000.

For more information about Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis, look online at [ccfa.org/get-involved/take-steps.html](http://ccfa.org/get-involved/take-steps.html). Volunteer opportunities are available.

Those interested can contact Brianne McFarland at [bmcfarland@ccfa.org](mailto:bmcfarland@ccfa.org) for details.



***Mark Petty, a Dublin Coffman High School graduate died from complications of Crohn's Disease at 21 years old. His family and friends will participate in the Walk for Crohn's and Colitis event set to start at 4:30 p.m. June 20 in Coffman Park.***